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Words Of Wisdom

Ill can be ruled the great that cannot reach the small. —Spenser

The happiest people are those who are too busy to notice. —Anonymous
He who suffers, remembers. —Cicero

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PERSPECTIVE . . .

QUESTION

What are your thoughts on the Reagan Administration's contention that a hit team has been sent to America from Libya?



Mrs. Baheeh Rashed
Knowing the West and how we tend to bring about mistrust and disbelief against the American people, I would have to weigh the statement. From all indications, the situation does not suggest that the brother [Qaddafi] is the tyrant that he has been perceived as.



Arnette Abdul Majied
Resident Imam
Durham Masjid

From what knowledge I have, which is very limited due to the inaccessibility to direct information, I can only conclude that because there have been no attempts on lives, particularly government officials, that perhaps the information was either unintentionally or subversively misconstrued. As a result it caused an over-reaction on the part of the press and the American government — especially an over-reaction on the part of the President.



Jim Steele
I feel under-informed. I can't form a set opinion. It is a complex situation that requires more information than I think is available to the people.



Monty Brinkley
I think it is a lot of nonsense. He [Reagan] just wanted a lot of attention. They were never here in the first place.

McNeill Investigation Report Findings Still Under Wraps

By Donald Alderman
Durham County District Attorney Dan K. Edwards, Jr., said Wednesday he could not discuss findings of a Public Safety investigative report that examines the alleged misconduct of a county ABC police officer.

Edwards has been reviewing the detectives' report of an incident in which Lcroly McNeill alleges ABC Officer Ronald Allen struck him without provocation.

The charge stemmed from a raid of McNeill's mother's home in the Walltown section of Durham on November 7. McNeill suffered a brain contusion, fractured skull and loss of hearing in his left ear after allegedly being struck with a flashlight by Allen.

After the incident, Allen obtained two warrants against McNeill — one for assaulting an officer and another for obstructing an officer. McNeill, however, was twice denied warrants against Allen.

Judge Karen Galloway dismissed the assault charge last Wednesday, but found McNeill guilty of obstructing an officer. Edwards had said he would make public the report findings after McNeill's trial. He refused to do so Wednesday.

NCCU Law Prof. Named Wake Judge

Ms. Acie L. Ward became the first female to be appointed district judge in Wake County last Friday. The appointment was made by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Ms. Ward is currently an assistant dean at North Carolina Central University School of Law. She is also director of the law school's evening program.

Having considerable experience, Ms. Ward has worked as an assistant attorney general with the state Department of Justice.

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Once-Thriving Black Business District Rebuilding Hayti Sought

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Cold Wave Rolls Over Durham, Eastern U.S.

Elson Armstrong, Jr.

A strong arctic air mass born in the frozen northlands of Alaska and Siberia put much of America in a deep freeze beginning on January 10 and lasting through most of the week.

The cold front passed through Durham early last Sunday morning causing a weather rarity as the high for the day of 27° occurred just after midnight.

Despite a day of brilliant sunshine, Durham thermometers fell throughout the day. By 4 p.m. the reading was 9° above zero. This coupled with a 30 mph wind gave the Bull City a wind chill factor of 26° below zero.

Durhamites saw the cold snap take its toll on water pipes and automobiles which stalled out all over town.

The city set a record low on the morning of January 11 of 4° above zero.

Conditions in other areas were even more severe than those in central North Carolina.

Grandfather Mountain reported a low of 27° below zero on January 11. Chicago recorded its coldest day ever with a minus 26° — the wind chill factor there was a minus 81°. Temperatures fell to zero in Atlanta and the teens threatened the citrus crops in Florida.

The air mass, the strongest to invade the U.S. in over 100 years, was forecast to be slow in moving out to sea. A low of 2° above zero was forecast for Raleigh-Durham on the morning of January 12.

The last time that a below zero reading was recorded in Durham was January 14, 1977 (-1°).

The all-time record low for Durham occurred in February, 1899 when the thermometer fell to -2°.

If the cold air wasn't enough, Wednesday morning dawned with a snowfall of 3-4 inches. By mid-day, the precipitation turned to sleet, then rain. By nightfall, all of that stuff was melting, as well as driving, very hazardous.



Ah, The Snow

Latasha, Lashonda and Lamar Wilkins and Ms. Adrian Ashford checked on the children's health after the snowfall on the morning of the Carnivals Project.

By Donald Alderman
Nearly one-half, 25 acres, of the 54-acre tract encompassing the destroyed Hayti black business district is now being planned for residential purposes, including apartments and condominiums, according to city planners.

Another plan, prepared by the Hayti Development Corporation (HDC), focuses on rebuilding Hayti's once-thriving business district.

The two plans were officially unveiled at a public hearing Monday night conducted by the City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Commission.

"The city's plan should take a look at the business district (Hayti) being rebuilt," said city manager Barry I. DelCastillo, while commenting on the differences between the two plans.

City planner Ms. Carla Sebesta said the city's plan suggests development using four land use types: residential on the 25-acre tract bordered by Roxboro and Fayetteville Streets, Lakewood and Piedmont Avenues; office-institutional on a ten-acre tract immediately south of expressway and between Roxboro and Fayetteville Streets; commercial on a 6.5-acre tract east of Fayetteville Street in the "Tin City" area, and light industrial on two tracts north of the expressway, including Dillard Street area.

Hayti's redevelopment, as planned by HDC, is consistent with the urban renewal plan that voters approved in an eight-point bond issue in October, 1962, said Arthur Jackson, an urban designer and architect working with HDC. Jackson presented HDC's plan.

One major difference, Jackson noted, is that the city's plan does not address the renewal of a business district serving southeast Durham residents.

Therefore, on the ten-acre tract that the city has slated for an office park, HDC has planned a ten-story hotel, a restaurant, service center and housing, mainly condominiums.

On the 54-acre tract, HDC envisions a retail shopping area, an office park as well as multi-family housing. One the ten-acre tract north of the expressway, HDC suggests a portion of the land be rezoned from light industrial to include some commercial activity. The "Tin City" area is planned to be mainly an amusement and recreation center, including a skating rink.

Another major difference in the two plans is handling of the eight relocated businesses still in Hayti and other displaced enterprises.

"In no way should the area's redevelopment impair the operations of their businesses," said Nathaniel White, Jr., HDC's executive director.

"There are insufficient safeguards included (in the city's plan) to assure that relocates . . . will benefit from the redevelopment process." (Continued On Page 3)

N.C. Legislators Urged To Adhere To One Man, One Vote Redistricting

By Donald Alderman
North Carolina state legislators from six counties were urged last week to devise redistricting plans that adhere to the one man, one vote concept as prescribed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Resolution letters urging fair redistricting lines to be drawn were sent to the legislators by the District 9 Roundtable of the North Carolina Association of Educators, representing Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Orange and Person counties.

The U.S. Justice Department has struck down the state's U.S. House and state Senate redistricting plans, ruling the plans may dilute minority voting strength. The Justice Department is to rule on the state House plan January 20. NCAE District 9 has called on legislators to "devise a redistricting plan that does not dilute racial minority voting strength" or "relinquish their legislative duty to redistrict to a federal judge."

To not fairly redistrict, the educators said, sets a poor example for educators to share with students on the democratic process. A special General Assembly session will probably be required during the first week of February to redraw state Senate and U.S. House plans.

Representative Kenneth Spaulding and state Senator Kenneth Royall, Jr., said the state House plan will probably also be rejected, therefore, a third plan will need to be drawn. The Justice Department has suggested the state consider single-member districts and crossing county lines to adhere to the one man, one vote concept, two issues that have divided the legislators.

Durham County legislators have a general meeting-of-the-minds on most issues. Royall said he favors a dual approach for the state House, using single-member districts in the state's larger cities and multi-member districts in small towns. He said the new state Senate redistricting plans will probably cross county lines in an effort to not dilute minority voting strength. County lines have never been crossed in North Carolina and some legislators are reluctant to do so, citing differences in political opinions.



Investigate Shooting of Guardian Angel

Newark, New Jersey Police chief Charles Zizza (left) listens as Newark Police Director Hubert Williams speaks during press conference regarding fatal shooting of Guardian Angel Frank Melvin of Newark recently. Williams said he is turning the investigation of the shooting over to the Essex County Prosecutors office.

Both Spaulding and Royall said single-member districts in Durham are not necessary to increase minority voting strength since blacks have been able to send a representative to Raleigh and blacks, though largely in southeast Durham, are residing throughout the city.

Single-member districts would not automatically increase minority voting strength, the legislators noted. The lines could be drawn to dilute minority voting strength as well as to increase it.

Blacks make up 2.3 per cent of the General Assembly — four of 170 members — while constituting 22 per cent of the state's population, according to 1980 Census figures.

One of the major reasons black representation in the state legislature does not reflect the state's black population is the failure of blacks to register to vote, commented Spaulding.

He said accomplishments and gains made by blacks as a (Continued On Page 3)